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VALEN OIL & MINERALS, FED. 25
SE SW 28-T40N-R8W MOHAVE CO.

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LEASE NO. AR-083-882-A

WELL NAME Valen Oil & Gas Federal

LOCATION SE SW SEC 28 TWP 40N RANGE 8W FOOTAGE 660' FSL 1983 FWI

ELEV 4800 GR 4808 TRF SPUD DATE 12-1-54 STATUS TOTAL
COMP. DATE 6-10-56 DEPTH 120'

CONTRACTOR

CASING SIZE	DEPTH	CEMENT	LINER SIZE & DEPTH	DRILLED BY ROTARY
				DRILLED BY CABLE TOOL
				PRODUCTIVE RESERVOIR
				INITIAL PRODUCTION

[illegible]

ELECTRIC LOGS	PERFORATED INTERVALS	PROD. INTERVALS	SAMPLE LOG _____
			SAMPLE DESCRP. _____
			SAMPLE NO. _____
			CORE ANALYSIS _____
			DSTs _____

REMARKS _____	APP. TO PLUG	<u>XX</u>
_____	PLUGGING REP.	<u>XX</u>
_____	COMP. REPORT	

WATER WELL ACCEPTED BY _____

BOND CO. National Surety Corporation BOND NO. _____

BOND AMT. \$	2500	CANCELLED	7-27-56	DATE	
				ORGANIZATION REPORT	x

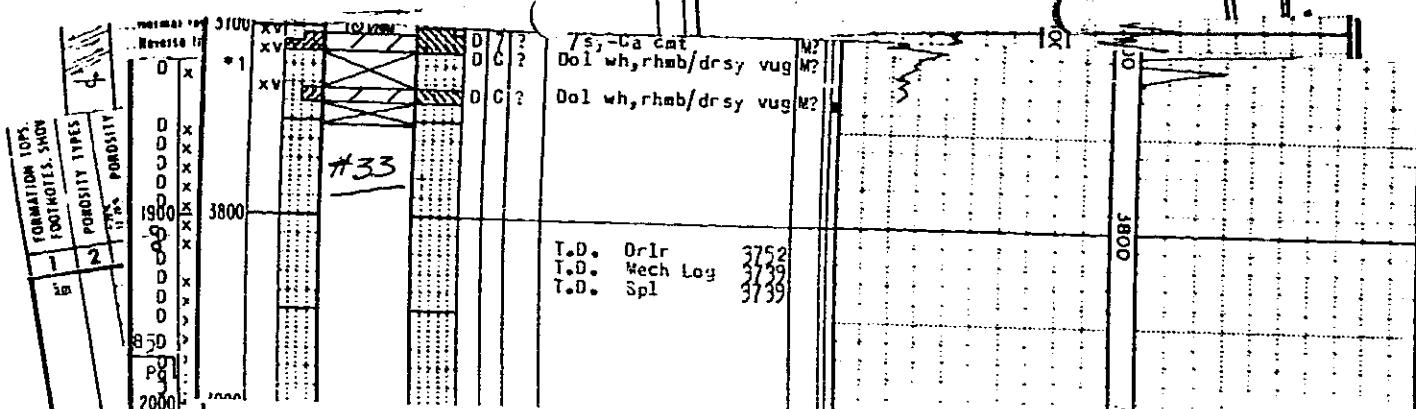
FILING RECEIPT 16350 LOC. PLAT x WELL BOOK x PLAT BOOK x

API NO. 02-015-05009 DATE ISSUED 12-2-54 DEDICATION E/2 SW/4

PERMIT NUMBER 23

(over)

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INFORMATION SUMMARY

SUMMARY OF ABBREVIATIONS ELEV. 1900 GR 4710

TRIASSIC		
Int	Moenkopi	Spl Start
	Timpoweap	183
PERMIAN		
Pk	Kaibab	210
Ptu	Upper Toroweap	620
Ptm	Middle Toroweap	833
Ptl	Lower Toroweap	1092
Pco	Coconino	1184
Ph	Hermit	1206
Pq	Queantoweap	1985
Ppk	Pakoon	2565
PENNSYLVANIAN		
Pca	Callville	3074
MISSISSIPPIAN		
M'D	"D" Zone	3313
M'C	"C" Zone	3542

FOOTNOTES

1. Lost circulation 3713-3753.

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DRILL STEM TESTS

None Reported

CORED INTERVALS (from P.I.)

#1 3733-3739', Rec 6'8"

FALCON-SEABOARD DRUG CO. NO.1 GOVERNMENT
SE SW 28-40N-8W
MOHAVE COUNTY, ARIZONA
LOG NO. 850-R

324 E. YELSON
CASPER, WYO.

Operator
Well No
Formation
Date Issue



STATE LAND DEPARTMENT

STATE OF ARIZONA

Form O&G 56

Form Prescribed Under Oil and Gas Conservation Act of 1951

ABANDONMENT AND PLUGGING RECORD

(Within thirty days after the plugging of any well has been accomplished, the owner or operator thereof shall file this form with the Commissioner, setting forth in detail the method used in plugging the well.)

PLUGGING METHODS AND PROCEDURE-- The methods and procedure for plugging a well shall be as follows: (a) The bottom of the hole shall be filled to, or a bridge shall be placed at, the top of each producing formation open to the well bore, and in either event a cement plug not less than fifty (50) feet in length shall be placed immediately above each producing formation open to the well bore when ever possible.

(b) A cement plug not less than fifty (50) feet in length shall be placed at approximately fifty (50) feet below all fresh-water-bearing strata.

(c) A plug shall be placed at or near the surface of the ground in each hole.

(d) The interval between plugs shall be filled with heavy-mud-laden fluid.

(e) An uncased hole shall be plugged with heavy mud up to the base of the surface string, at which point a plug of not less than fifty (50) feet of cement shall be placed.

Operator Valen Oil & Gas Co. Field WildcatPool noneCounty MohaveAddress all correspondence concerning this form to: Valen Oil & Gas CompanyStreet: Heard Building City Phoenix State ArizonaLease Name Antelope Well No. 1 Sec. 28 Twp. 40N Rge. 8WDate well was plugged June 10, 19 56Was the well plugged according to regulations of the Commissioner? yes

Set out method used in plugging well and record of casing pulled:

mud from 120 ft to 4 ft. 4 ft to ground level cement plug

(AFFIDAVIT)

STATE OF ARIZONA

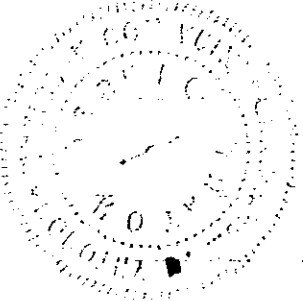
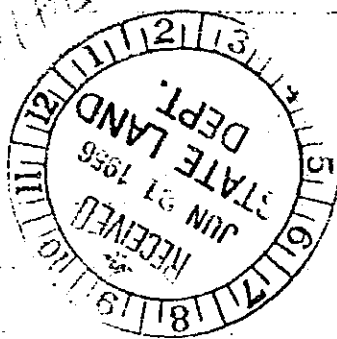
COUNTY OF MaricopaVan D. Bennett
(Operator)
VALEN OIL & GAS CO. BY -

Before me, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared Van D. Bennett, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the above instrument, who being by me duly sworn on oath states that he is authorized to make this report and has knowledge of the facts stated herein and that said report is true and correct.

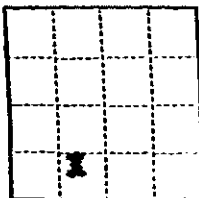
Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 20th day of June 19 56Dorothy D. McFarland
Notary Public in and for Maricopa County
Arizona

4 My commission expires:

25 My Commission Expires Jan. 30, 1960



Form 9-831a
(Feb. 1951)



(SUBMIT IN TRIPLICATE)

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

Budget Bureau 42-R358.3
Approval expires 12-31-55.

and Office Phoenix, Arizona

Lease No. Phx 083822-4

Unit _____

SUNDRY NOTICES AND REPORTS ON WELLS

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DRILL.....	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	SUBSEQUENT REPORT OF WATER SHUT-OFF.....
NOTICE OF INTENTION TO CHANGE PLANS.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	SUBSEQUENT REPORT OF SHOOTING OR ACIDIZING.....
NOTICE OF INTENTION TO TEST WATER SHUT-OFF.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	SUBSEQUENT REPORT OF ALTERING CASING.....
NOTICE OF INTENTION TO RE-DRILL OR REPAIR WELL.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	SUBSEQUENT REPORT OF RE-DRILLING OR REPAIR.....
NOTICE OF INTENTION TO SHOOT OR ACIDIZE.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	SUBSEQUENT REPORT OF ABANDONMENT.....
NOTICE OF INTENTION TO PULL OR ALTER CASING.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	SUPPLEMENTARY WELL HISTORY.....
NOTICE OF INTENTION TO ABANDON WELL.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	

(INDICATE ABOVE BY CHECK MARK NATURE OF REPORT, NOTICE, OR OTHER DATA)

November 23 - - - - - 1954

Well No. 41 is located 660 ft. from SE 1/4 line and 1982.97 ft. from E line of sec. 28
SE 1/4 Center
the SW corner of Sec. 28 40-N 8-W CASPER
(1/4 Sec. and Sec. No.) (Twp.) (Range) (Meridian)
Antelope Mohave Arizona
(Field) (County or Territory) (State or Territory)

The elevation of the derrick floor above sea level is 4800 ft.

DETAILS OF WORK

(State names of and expected depths to objective sands; show sizes, weights, and lengths of proposed casings; indicate mudding jobs, cementing points, and all other important proposed work)

16" Casing cemented at 150 ft.
12-3/4" Casing cemented at 1200 ft.
5 1/2" Casing cemented (if productive) set at 5,500 ft.
Sands expected (carrying oil production):
Moenkopi
Coconino
Pennsylvanian
Mississippian
Devonian
Ordovician-Cambrian ?

I understand that this plan of work must receive approval in writing by the Geological Survey before operations may be commenced.

Company Van D. Bennett & Co. Valen Oil & Gas Co.

Address Rm. 214 Mayer Board Bldg., Phoenix, Arizona

Field Office P.O. Box 81

Predonia, Arizona

By Van D. Bennett - Owner

Title _____

INVESTIGATION OF THE
GEORGE W. BROWN

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

REPORT OF THE
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GEORGE W. BROWN
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
WASHINGTON, D. C.

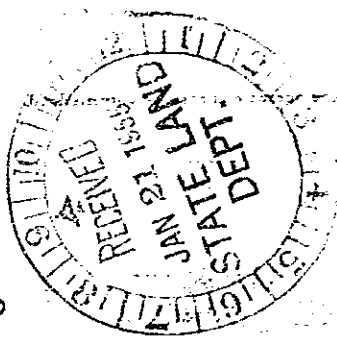
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Washington, D. C.

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STATE LAND DEPARTMENT
STATE OF ARIZONA

Form O&G 55

Form Prescribed Under Oil and Gas Conservation Act 1951
APPLICATION TO ABANDON, PLUG, DEEPEN, SIDETRACK OR PERFORATE

(After Well Has Once Been Completed)

INSTRUCTIONS: -- File in duplicate with Commissioner. One copy will be returned with approval or denial.

FIELD: Wildcat
OPERATOR: Valen Oil & Gas Co. ADDRESS: Heard Building
LEASE: Antelope WELL NO. _____ COUNTY _____
SURVEY: _____ SECTION 28 DRILLING PERMIT NO.: 25
LOCATION: 40N Range 8W SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Mohave County, Arizona

TYPE OF WELL: Dry Hole TOTAL DEPTH 120 Ft.
(Oil, Gas or Dry Hole)

ALLOWABLE (If Assigned)
LAST PRODUCTION TEST: OIL none (Bbls.) WATER no water (Bbls.)
GAS none (M.C.F.) DATE OF TEST Dec. 1954

PRODUCING HORIZON _____ PRODUCING FROM: none TO _____

1. COMPLETE CASING RECORD: none

2. FULL DETAILS OF PROPOSED PLAN OF WORK:
Plugged and Abandoned W/ Mud and Cement

If the well is to be deepened to another zone other than that covered by permit, this form shall be accompanied by a certified lease plat as is prescribed on Form No. O&G 51.

If well is to be abandoned, does proposed work conform with requirements of SW Rule 26? yes. If not, outline procedure proposed above.

DATE COMMENCING OPERATIONS: June 10, 1956
NAME OF PARTY DOING WORK: C. W. Swapp ADDRESS: Fredonia, Ariz.
CORRESPONDENCE SHOULD BE SENT TO: Valen Oil & Minerals Corporation

NAME: Joe H. Bennett
TITLE: Van D. Bennett, President
Valen Oil & Minerals Corp.

APPROVED: 27th DAY OF July 1956.
DENIED: _____ DAY OF _____ 19____.

BY:

STATE LAND COMMISSIONER

Acting Deputy

STATE LAND DEPARTMENT STATE LAND DEPARTMENT
STATE OF ARIZONA

Form OG 51

Form Prescribed Under Oil and Gas Conservation Act of 1935

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DRILL NEW WELL

This notice and surety bond must be filed and permit
must be granted before drilling begins

Phoenix Ariz. Nov. 8 1954

State Land Commissioner

In compliance with Statewide Rule 3, notice is hereby given that it is our
intention to commence the work of drilling well No. One Sec. 28,

T. 40 N, R. 8 West, G. & S.R.B. & M., Antelope Field,
Mohave County.

Legal description of lease Center of SE 1/4 of SW 1/4
(Attach map or plat to scale)

Sec. 28 - Township 40 North - Range 8 West

Gila & Salt River Base & Meridian, Mohave County, Arizona

Location of Well: 1980 feet east and 660 feet north of the Southwest corner
(Give exact footage from section corners or other
of Section 28, T 40 N, R. 8 West, G. & S.R.B. & M.

legal subdivisions or streets)
Proposed drilling depth 5500 feet. Acres in drilling unit 40 acres on 10,000 block.
acre/
surety bond been filed? . Is location a regular or exception to
spacing rule? No.

Elevation of ground above sea level 5200 4900 feet.

All depth measurements taken from top of Derrick Floor
(Derrick, floor, Rotary Table or Kelly
 which is eight feet above the ground.
Bushing)

PROPOSED CASING PROGRAM

Size of Casing	Inches A.P.I.	Weight	Grade and Type	Top	Bottom	Cementing Depths
20"		60#	Electric Weld	0' - 150'		150'
10 3/4"		40#	Electric Weld	0' - 1200'		1200'
5 1/2"		15 1/2#	SS - J - 55	0' - 5500'		4000' - 5500'

Intended Zone or Zones of completion:

Name	Perforated Interval
Coconino	1200 - 1400 Pennsylvanian - 2410 - 3000
Mississippian	3500 - 4200 Devonian - 5000 - 5500

AFFIDAVIT:

I hereby certify under the penalty of perjury, that the information contained
and statements herein made are to the best of my knowledge and belief, true, correct
and complete.

VALEN OIL & GAS CO.

By (Applicant)
Valen Oil & Gas Co.

Application approved this 2nd day of December 19 54

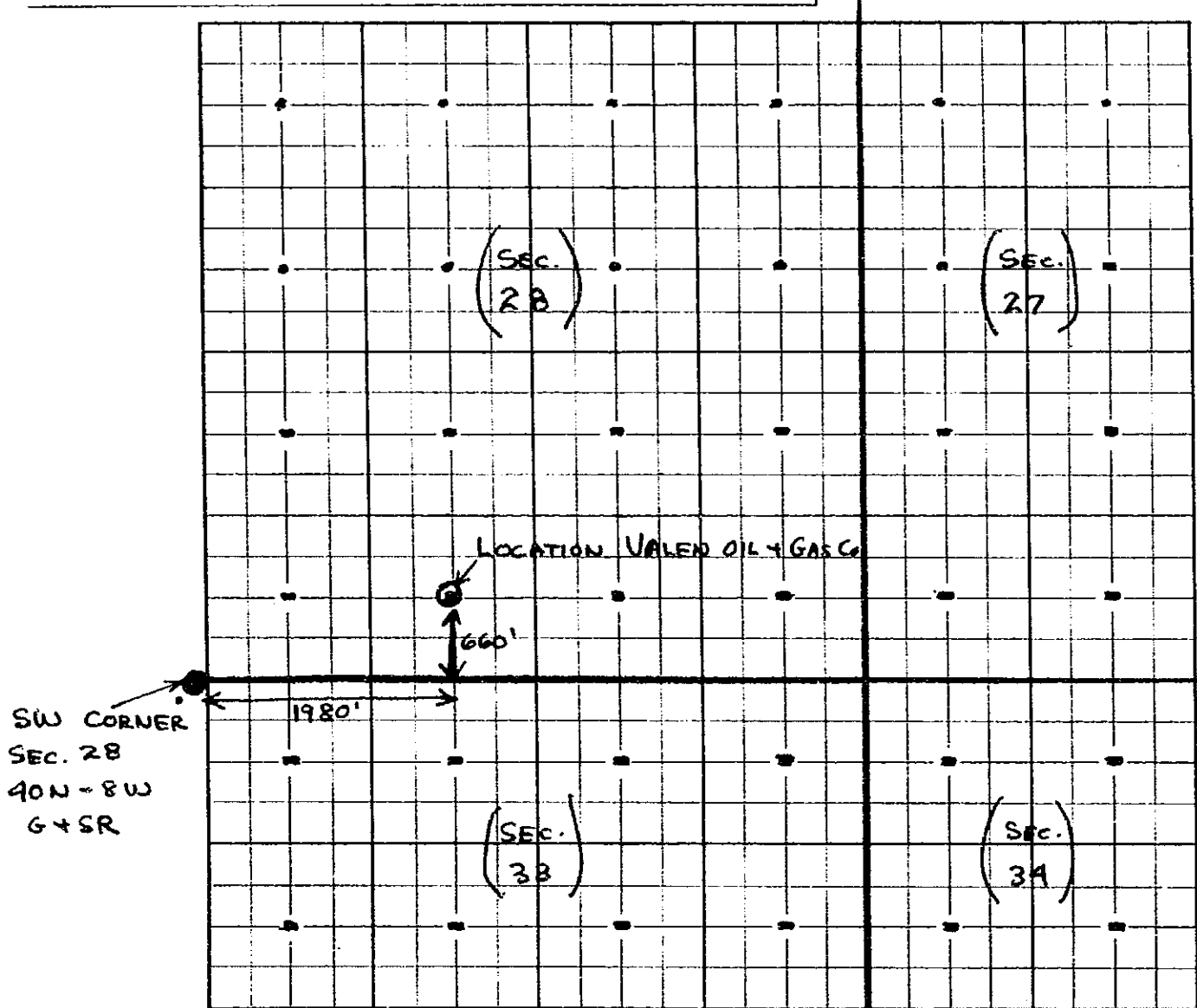
Permit NO. 25

State Land Commissioner

892 ROSS-MARTIN CO. TOWNSHIP (T (SCALE 1 IN. = 1 MI.)

VALEN OIL AND GAS COMPANY - ANTELOPE NO. 1 - LEASE NO. Phx 083882-A
TOWNSHIP 40 N RANGE 8 W COUNTY MOHAVE STATE ARIZONA

REMARKS: 1982.97 from West Line and 660.0 from South Line
Being in Center of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of
Sec. 28, T40N, R8W, G. & S.R.B. & M.
Ground Elevation 4800 feet



STATE LAND DEPARTMENT
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9/17/54

Mr. Swapp, Geologist for Valen Oil was in and
obtained copies of logs on various wells for
Navajo, Coconino, Mohave, counties.

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OFFICE OF
STATE LAND DEPARTMENT
STATE OF ARIZONA
Phoenix, Arizona

You are hereby advised that rental in the amount of \$.....
will be due and payable at this office.....
on the leases listed below. IF SAID RENTAL IS NOT RECEIVED ON OR BE-
FORE THE DUE DATE, PENALTY AND INTEREST WILL BE ADDED
THERE TO.

Lease No.	Descr.	Sec.	Twp.	Rge.	Pays to	Rental	Pen.	Int.
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STATE OF ARIZONA
STATE LAND DEPARTMENT
BOND FOR DRILLING OIL OR GAS WELL

State of Arizona)
County of Maricopa)

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

That we, Van D. Bennett d/b/a Valen Oil and Gas Company,

hereinafter called Principal, and National Surety Corporation,
hereinafter called the Surety, are held and firmly bound unto the State of
Arizona in the sum of Twenty-Five Hundred Dollars, (\$2,500) for the payment of
which the Principal and Surety bind themselves, their heirs, executors, ad-
ministrators, successors and assigns, jointly and severally, firmly by these
presents.

Whereas the Principal has obtained a permit from the State Land
Commissioner to drill a well in search of oil or gas, and whereas said Principal
is required by provisions of the Oil and Gas Conservation Act of 1951 to
deposit with the said Commissioner a good and sufficient bond:

Now, therefore, the condition of the foregoing obligation is such
that if the Principal shall drill, case and plug said well drilled by said
Principal in such manner as to prevent the escape of oil or gas from one
stratum to another and to prevent the intrusion of water into an oil or gas
stratum from a separate stratum, and to prevent the pollution of fresh water
supplies by oil, gas or salt water and in such manner as to prevent waste,
and shall make such reports to the Commissioner as are required by the Oil
and Gas Conservation Act of 1951 by said Principal, and shall file the log
and drilling record kept by said Principal within six (6) months from the
time of the completion or abandonment of said well drilled for oil or gas
and shall plug the same in the manner provided by the rules and regulations
adopted by said Commissioner, then this obligation to be null and void,
otherwise to be and remain in full force and effect.

Witness our hands and seals this 30th day of November, 1954.

VALEN OIL AND GAS COMPANY

Van D. Bennett
Van D. Bennett, President

NATIONAL SURETY CORPORATION

Raymond E. Beardsley
Raymond E. Beardsley, Its Attorney-in-Fact

Approved this 6th day of December, 1954.

[Signature]
State Land Commissioner

CANCELLED
July 27, 1956

NATIONAL SURETY CORPORATION

New York

GENERAL POWER OF ATTORNEY

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that NATIONAL SURETY CORPORATION, a Corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of New York, and having its principal office in the City of New York, N. Y., hath made, constituted and appointed, and does by these presents make, constitute and appoint

JAMES H. RUSSELL and RAYMOND E. BEARDSLEY

jointly or severally

of SANTA FE and State of NEW MEXICO
its true and lawful Attorney(s)-in-Fact, with full power and authority hereby conferred in its name, place and stead, to execute, acknowledge and deliver any and all bonds, recognizances, contracts, agreements of indemnity and other conditional or obligatory undertakings;
provided, however, that the penal sum of any one such instrument executed hereunder shall not exceed ONE MILLION (\$1,000,000.00) DOLLARS - - - -

and to bind the Corporation thereby as fully and to the same extent as if such bonds were signed by the President, sealed with the corporate seal of the Corporation and duly attested by its Secretary, hereby ratifying and confirming all that the said Attorney(s)-in-Fact may do in the premises. Said appointment is made under and by authority of the following provisions of the By-laws of NATIONAL SURETY CORPORATION:

"ARTICLE XII. RESIDENT OFFICERS AND ATTORNEYS-IN-FACT.

"Section 1.—The Chairman, President or any Vice-President may from time to time appoint Resident Vice-Presidents, Resident Assistant Secretaries and Attorneys-in-Fact to represent and act for and on behalf of the Corporation and the Chairman, President, or any Vice-President, the Board of Directors or the Executive Committee may at any time suspend or revoke the powers and authority given to any such Resident Vice-President, Resident Assistant Secretary and Attorney-in-Fact, and also remove them from office. (Adopted April 29, 1933. Applies to all powers of attorney executed prior to May 25, 1933).

"Section 1.—The President, Executive Vice-President or any Vice-President may, from time to time, appoint Resident Vice-Presidents, Resident Assistant Secretaries and Attorneys-in-Fact to represent and act for and on behalf of the Corporation and the President, Executive Vice-President or any Vice-President, the Board of Directors or the Executive and Finance Committee may at any time suspend or revoke the powers and authority given to any such Resident Vice-President, Resident Assistant Secretary or Attorney-in-Fact, and also remove any of them from office. (As amended May 25, 1933. Applies to all powers of attorney executed prior to April 27, 1943).

"Section 1.—Appointment.—The President, Executive Vice-President or any Vice-President may, from time to time, appoint Resident Vice-Presidents, Resident Assistant Secretaries and Attorneys-in-Fact to represent and act for and on behalf of the Corporation. (As amended April 27, 1943. Applies to all powers of attorney executed on or after that date).

"Section 4.—Attorneys-in-Fact.—Attorneys-in-Fact may be given full power and authority to execute, acknowledge and deliver for and in the name and on behalf of the Corporation any and all bonds, recognizances, contracts of indemnity and other conditional or obligatory undertakings, and any such instrument executed by any such Attorney-in-Fact shall be as binding upon the Corporation as if signed by the Chairman or the President and sealed and attested by the Secretary. (Adopted April 29, 1933. Applies to all powers of attorney executed prior to May 25, 1933).

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"Section 4.—Attorneys-in-Fact.—Attorneys-in-Fact may be given full power and authority, for and in the name and on behalf of the Corporation, to execute, acknowledge and deliver, any and all bonds, recognizances, contracts of indemnity and other conditional or obligatory undertakings, and any and all notices and documents cancelling or terminating the Corporation's liability thereunder, and any such instrument so executed by any such Attorney-in-Fact shall be as binding upon the Corporation as if signed by the President and sealed and attested by the Secretary. (As amended July 30, 1935. Applies to all powers of attorney executed prior to April 27, 1943).

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"Section 7.—Attorneys-in-Fact.—Attorneys-in-Fact are hereby authorized to verify any affidavit required to be attached to bonds, recognizances, contracts of indemnity, or other conditional or obligatory undertakings, and they are also authorized and empowered to certify to a copy of the By-laws of the Corporation or any Article or Section thereof. (Adopted April 29, 1933. Applies to all powers of attorney executed prior to May 25, 1933).

"Section 7.—Attorneys-in-Fact.—Attorneys-in-Fact are hereby authorized to verify any affidavit required to be attached to bonds, recognizances, contracts of indemnity, or other conditional or obligatory undertakings, and they are also authorized and empowered to certify to copies of the By-laws of the Corporation or any Article or Section thereof. (As amended May 25, 1933. Applies to all powers of attorney executed prior to April 27, 1943).

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"Section 7.—Attorneys-in-Fact.—Verifications.—Certifications.—Attorneys-in-Fact are hereby authorized to verify, by affidavit or otherwise, the authority to execute bonds, recognizances, contracts, agreements of indemnity, and other conditional or obligatory undertakings; and to certify, by affidavit or otherwise, as to the inspection or examination of assets of the estates, where the fiduciary responsible for such assets is bonded by the Corporation; and they are also authorized and empowered to certify to copies of the By-laws of the Corporation or any Article or Section thereof. (As amended June 27, 1944. Applies to all powers of attorney executed on or after that date).

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, NATIONAL SURETY CORPORATION has caused these presents to be signed by its Vice President, attested by its Assistant Secretary, and its corporate seal to be hereto affixed this 28th day of JANUARY A.D., 19 52

NATIONAL SURETY CORPORATION

(Seal)

By S. G. DRAKE

Vice President

ATTEST:

A. N. MacDOUGALL

Assistant Secretary

CANCELLED

STATE OF NEW YORK,
COUNTY OF NEW YORK,

ss.:

On this 28th day of JANUARY A.D., 19 52.

before me personally came S.G. DRAKE, to me known,
who, being by me duly sworn, did depose and say, that he resides in the City of New York; that he is Vice
President of NATIONAL SURETY CORPORATION, the Corporation described in and which executed the
above instrument; that he knows the seal of said Corporation; that the seal affixed to the said instrument is
such corporate seal; that it was so affixed by order of the Board of Directors of said Corporation and that he signed

his name thereto by like order. And said S.G. DRAKE

further said that he is acquainted with A.N. MacDOUGALL and knows him
to be an Assistant Secretary of said Corporation; and that he executed the above instrument.

(Notarial seal affixed)

ELIZABETH C. KING

Notary Public

COLORADO
STATE OF
COUNTY OF

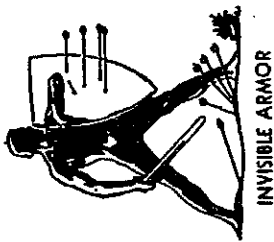
ss.:

DENVER
I, JAMES B. McDONALD, Resident Assistant Secretary and Attorney-in-Fact of NATIONAL SURETY
CORPORATION, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Power of Attorney
(including applicable By-law sections), executed by said NATIONAL SURETY CORPORATION, which is still in
force and effect.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Corporation, at the
DENVER

City of this 30th day November A.D., 19 54.

James B. McDonald
Resident Assistant Secretary and Attorney-in-Fact



NATIONAL SURETY
CORPORATION
New York

GENERAL
POWER OF ATTORNEY

—TO—

ON

DATE

P. 3014

11451



July 27, 1956

National Surety Corporation
James H. Russell Agency
Radio Plaza
Santa Fe, New Mexico

Attention: Mr. Raymond E. Beardsley RE: Valen Oil & Minerals Corporation

The bond in the amount of \$2,500 was issued on November 30th, 1954 to cover the well for drilling of oil and gas in the State of Arizona by Van D. Bennett as principal, and the National Surety Corporation as surety, which bond was conditioned upon the drilling, casing and plugging of all oil and gas wells drilled to prevent the escape of oil or gas from one stratum to another, to prevent intrusion of water into an oil or gas stratum from a separate stratum, to prevent the pollution of fresh water supplies by oil, gas or salt water and to prevent waste.

In addition said bond was conditioned upon the submission of all reports required by the Oil and Gas Conservation Act of 1951 of the State of Arizona, and the Rules and Regulations of the State Land Department, such logs, drilling records, and the receipt of samples as are required by said Rules and Regulations of the Oil and Gas Conservation Law of Arizona.

The records of the Department indicate that with respect to the well drilled by Valen Oil and Minerals Corporation, located in Section 28, Township 40 North, Range 8 West, Mohave County, that inasmuch as this well was penetrated to a depth of only 120 feet, and no samples nor logs were kept, it was agreed that a properly executed affidavit be submitted to this effect. Said document was received by this Department on July 21, 1956; therefore, the bond heretofore described may be terminated as of July 27th, 1956.

Very truly yours,

Louis C. Duncan,
Manager

LCD:mb
cc - Valen Oil & Minerals Corporation

July 27, 1956

Mr. Van D. Bennett
Valen Oil and Minerals Corporation
Heard Building
Phoenix, Arizona

Dear Mr. Bennett:

We are enclosing herewith completed copies for your file of our forms O&G 55 and 56 covering the Valen Oil and Minerals Corporation well, in Section 28, Township 40 North, Range 8 West, Mohave County, Arizona, together with a copy of our letter to the National Surety Corporation of Santa Fe, New Mexico releasing the bond in the amount of \$2,500 in conjunction with the drilling of this well.

We wish to thank you for your cooperation in the matter of supplying us with the affidavit with regard to the termination of the bond.

If we can be of further service to you, please call on us.

Very truly yours,

Louis G. Duncan,
Manager

LGD:mb
Encls (3)

VALEN OIL AND MINERALS CORPORATION

ALPINE 2-7115

HEARD BUILDING
PHOENIX, ARIZONA

July 19, 1956

State Land Department
Phoenix, Arizona

Attention: Mr. Louis C. Duncan,
Office Manager

Dear Mr. Duncan:

On/or about December 20, 1954, I did start to drill a well designated as Antelope #1, located in the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 28, Township 40N, Range 8W, G&SRB&M, Mohave County, Arizona.

I, hereby, swear that this well penetrated only 120 feet to the Moenkopi shale and lime formation and that no formations were penetrated carrying fresh water or no formations were penetrated having any significance relative to oil and gas.

I also swear that no samples were kept since it was deemed unnecessary and also that no logs were run, since it would have been a waste of time and money and no information could have been obtained that would have been of any value to the state geologist or anyone else.

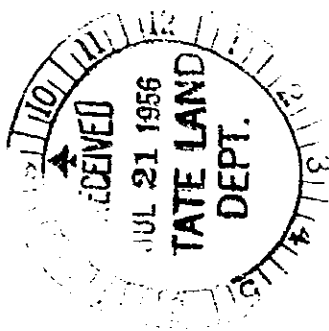
This well was plugged and abandoned in accordance with Federal and State regulations as set forth in detail by my affidavit of June 8, 1956, further the affidavit sayeth not.

Van D. Bennett
Van D. Bennett

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 19th day of July, 1956

My Commission Expires April 4, 1960

Shirley R. O'Neil
Notary Public



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July 13, 1956

Mr. Van D. Bennett, President
Valen Oil & Minerals Corporation
Heard Building
Phoenix, Arizona

Dear Mr. Bennett:

Your letter of June 27th, 1956 relating to the submission of logs in connection with your drilling operation in Section 28, Township 40 North, Range 8 West, Mohave County, Arizona has been received by this Department.

We have taken this matter under advisement and wish to state that since this particular well was drilled to only 120' depth, and no formations were penetrated requiring sample examination, it will be necessary that you submit to us a properly executed affidavit, setting out all of the details, such as are given in your letter of June 27th, for our files. Please have this document signed before a notary public and returned to this office.

As soon as we receive the above statement from you, we will be glad to release the bond in question. We trust that this procedure will meet with your entire approval.

Very truly yours,

Louis C. Duncan,
Office Manager

LCD:mb

VALEN OIL AND MINERALS CORPORATION

ALPINE 2-7115

HEARD BUILDING
PHOENIX, ARIZONA

June 27, 1956

Mr. Louis C. Duncan
State Land Department
State of Arizona
Phoenix, Arizona

Dear Mr. Duncan:

With reference to your letter of June 26, 1956, regarding the abandonment of a well started by us in Section 28; Twp. 40 N, Range 8 W, Mohave County, Arizona.

(In your second paragraph you state you must have logs that were run and samples must be submitted. No logs were run since this well was only drilled to a total depth of 120 feet and no formations were penetrated requiring sample examination. The well was started in the Moenkopi formation and at 120 feet was still in the Moenkopi formation.)

The new well is drilling below surface and we are advised that the Falcon Seaboard people, who are the operators on this well, will supply you with samples all the way down.

Yours very truly,

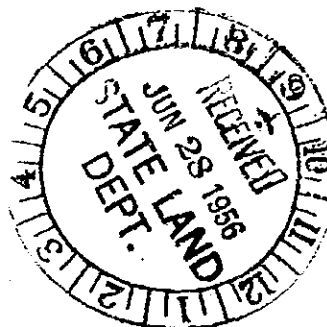
VALEN OIL & MINERALS CORPORATION

By:

Van D. Bennett
Van D. Bennett

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June 26, 1956

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Mr. Van D. Bennett, President
Valen Oil & Minerals Corporation
Heard Building
Phoenix, Arizona

Dear Mr. Bennett:

We would like to keep you informed as to the current status with regard to the abandonment of your well, which was drilled on Section 28, Township 40 North, Range 8 West, Mohave County, Arizona.

As of this date, we have received a tentative approval concerning the method of the plugging of this well, which of course now places us in a position to release your bond in the amount of \$2,500.00. However, before we can release the bond, we must be in receipt of copies of whatever logs which were run, and samples must be submitted to this Department.

Upon receipt of the above mentioned requirements, we shall be happy to bring this transaction to a close. Thank you very much for your cooperation in the matter.

Very truly yours,

Louis C. Duncan
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Office Manager

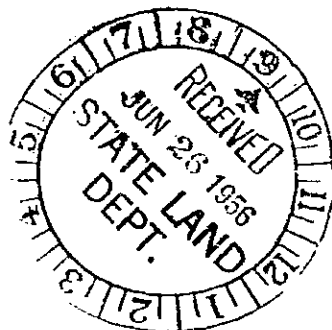
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OFFICE OF
State Land Department
STATE OF ARIZONA
Phoenix, Arizona
June 22, 1956

ROGER ERNST
STATE LAND COMMISSIONER

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Mr. Phillip W. Johnson
P. O. Box 2270
Tucson, Arizona

Dear Phil:

I am transmitting herewith our forms O&G 55 and 56 for the Valen Oil & Minerals Corp., for your approval. Sorry, but I do not recall whether or not you said we had samples or logs. Would you please let me know when you return the above forms? Thanks a lot.

Sincerely,

Muriel
Muriel R. Bates

These are OK, I did not receive any samples or logs or anything. However, inasmuch as they are drilling a new hole only ten feet away and the depth of this hole is only 120 ft. I hardly think we should go to the trouble of fighting for samples. We certainly should let them know what we expect by way of data on the new well. Perhaps

mb
Encls.

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in order not to seem too lenient we should
withhold release of their bond and ask
them for samples, driller log etc. just
to give them a chance to make some
excuses. The more I think of it the
better I like the idea of asking for the data
at least and not be too disappointed if
they can't produce. Clear as mud!
Will you write the letter? Thanks

Phil

P.S. As I recall we wrote Falcon Seaboard about
samples, did we ever get an answer?

P.J.

June 22, 1956

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Sincerely,

Muriel R. Bates

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Encls.

VALEN OIL AND MINERALS CORPORATION

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June 20, 1956

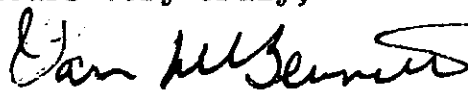
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PHOENIX, ARIZONA

State Land Office
Capitol Annex
Phoenix, Arizona

ATTN: Muriel Bates

Enclosed are the Notarized reports re-
lative to the plugging of the old
Antelope well started by us.

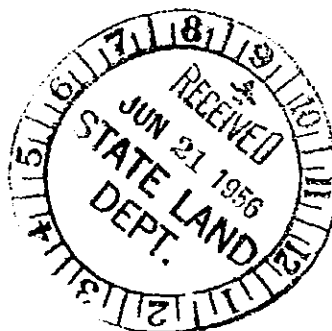
Yours very truly,



VAN D. BENNETT, President

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enclosed

VALEN OIL & MINERALS CORP.



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VALEN OIL AND MINERALS CORPORATION

ALPINE 2-7115

June 15, 1956

HEARD BUILDING
PHOENIX, ARIZONA

State Land Office
Capitol Annex Building
Phoenix, Arizona

ATTN: Mr. Johnson,
State Geologist

Please find executed forms oil and gas
numbers 55 and 56 relative to the shallow
test hole which we started a couple years
ago.

Yours very truly,

Van D. Bennett
VAN D. BENNETT, President

VDB:dm

VALEN OIL & MINERALS CORP.





UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY
P. O. Box 965
Farmington, New Mexico

IN REPLY REFER TO:

June 11, 1956

Valen Oil and Gas Company
Heard Bldg.
Phoenix, Arizona

Re: Phoenix 083822-A

Gentlemen:

Your affidavit of June 9, 1956, is accepted as a "Subsequent Report of Abandonment" of well No. 1 Antelope, located in the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ sec. 28, T. 40 N., R. 8 W., @ & SR&M, Mohave County, Arizona. The abandonment of well No. 1 Antelope is hereby approved.

Very truly yours,

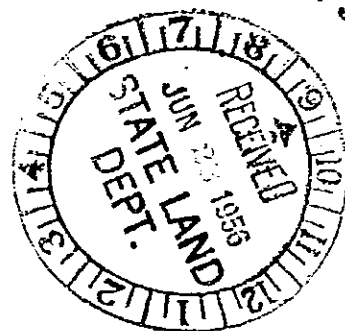
(Orig. Sgd.) P. T. McGrath

P. T. McGrath
District Engineer

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Copy to: ELM, Phoenix, Ariz:

No objection to the assignment of the lease nor to the termination of the period of liability under Valen Oil & Gas Company's bond covering the lease.



VALEN OIL AND MINERALS CORPORATION

ALPINE 2-7115

HEARD BUILDING
PHOENIX, ARIZONA

June 9, 1956

Mr. Roger Ernst
State Land Commissioner
Capitol Annex Building
Phoenix, Arizona

Dear Sir:

Attached is an affidavit certifying that the test well for oil and gas started by Van D. Bennett, d/b/a Valen Oil and Gas Company, has been plugged and abandoned in accordance with all Federal and Arizona State regulations.

Yours very truly,



Van D. Bennett, President

VALEN OIL AND MINERALS CORP.

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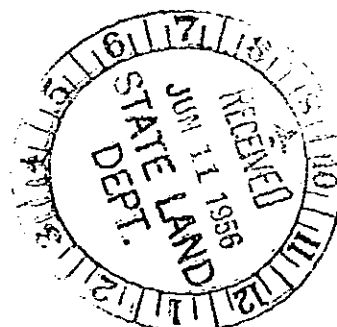
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cc: U. S. Geological Survey
District Director
Farmington, New Mexico

U. S. Geological Survey
District Director
Roswell, New Mexico

Falcon Seaboard Drilling Company
Denver Club Building
Denver, Colorado
Attention: Mr. Zachary Taylor

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A F F I D A V I T

STATE OF ARIZONA)
COUNTY OF MARICOPA } ss,

VAN D. BENNETT, of lawful age being first duly sworn on oath states: that he is President of the Valen Oil and Minerals Corporation and that he makes this affidavit for and on behalf of said Corporation having authority to so do; that the Valen Oil and Minerals Corporation have, as of the 8th day of June, 1956 completed the plugging and abandonment of the test well started for oil and gas known as the Valen Oil and Gas Company, Antelope #1, located in the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 28, Township 20N, Range 8W, G&SRB&M, Mohave County, Arizona

This well has been plugged as follows:

Total depth of well 120 feet
120 feet to 4 feet, mud and clay
4 feet to ground level, cement plug;

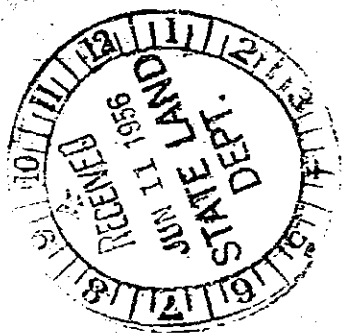
and I hereby swear that this well was plugged in accordance with all Federal and State regulations relevant to the drilling of oil and gas in the State of Arizona further the affidavit sayeth not.

Van D. Bennett
Van D. Bennett

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 9 day of June, 1956

Margaret S. Lane
Notary Public

Valen Oil Corp.
10/22/56



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Note -

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Shut down at 200'

W. Bennett bringing in rotary

Arizona Republic
**Oil Company
Names 4 To
Directorate**

March 18, 1956

Election of four new members to the directorate of Valen Oil Minerals Corp., an Arizona corporation, is announced by Valen, president.

At the same time, Bennett, president of the company, has made firm arrangements for the drilling of three exploratory wells during the next six months. One of these will be on Valen's lease holdings in northern Arizona, and two will be on leases in southern Utah, just above the Arizona line.

NEW DIRECTORS:

James D. Conway, president of Kansas-Nebraska Natural Gas Co., Inc.; Ronnie B. Smith, operator of Dallas, Tex.; E. J. Dixon, executive vice president of Midstates Oil Co. of Tulsa, Okla.; and Rex G. Baker, Jr., attorney of Houston, Tex.

Baker is secretary-treasurer of New Thunderbird Chemical Co., which has announced plans to construct and operate an \$82 million chemical plant in the Phoenix area.

Kansas-Nebraska Natural Gas Co. has extensive production in Kansas, Colorado, Wyoming and Oklahoma, and its gas reserves are estimated at 1,400 million cubic feet. It operates 4,500 miles of distribution pipelines.

SMITH, an independent oil man, has extensive oil, gas, and industrial holdings in the Southwest.

John H. Mills, Phoenix and Dallas, manages Tempancy Investments of Phoenix, and Wallace A. Gentry, banker of Spanish Fork, Utah, are executive advisory committee members of the Valen company.

Valen holds some 200,000 acres of oil and gas leases in Arizona, and 200,000 acres in Utah under ownership or geological options.

Hubert Merryweather, former president of the Arizona State Senate and this state's representative in the United States Oil Compact Commission, is vice president of Valen.

Thursday, November 3, 1955

The Arizona Republic, Phoenix, Arizona

Valen Oil Firm To Drill 3 Test Wells In Arizona

The firm will drill three test wells to determine oil and gas content of Arizona prospects. Petroleum products were not mentioned in the prospecting report.

Valen Oil Co. president, J. M. McFarland, said the three test wells would be drilled during 1956.

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Location of the three proposed tests in Arizona was not stated. The company has leaseholdings in a number of counties.

In addition to oil and gas, it is exploring for uranium and metallic minerals.

Valen Oil Co. Minerals Group is successor to the former

Valen Oil Co.

The new corporation's officers, in addition to Merryweather, are J. M. Bennett, president; Helen L. Bennett, a vice president; and Harry A. Stewart, secretary-treasurer.

Geologist for the firm is Cloyd W. Smith, graduate of Utah State, who directed the company's geological work.

Valen company was formed in 1954. It has more than 20 years experience as petroleum company. It was a subsidiary of Santa Oil Co., a subsidiary of American Oil Co., a pioneer in geological work in Arizona.

Helen L. Bennett, wife, is vice president of Mining Co., a mining company. The company is a subsidiary of Santa Oil Co., a subsidiary of American Oil Co., a pioneer in geological work in Arizona.

member of a Phoenix brokerage firm; and Wallace A. Gardner, banker of Spanish Fork, Utah.

Bennett said that score of Phoenix businessmen are interested financially in the new corporation.

Thursday, November 3, 1955

The Arizona Republic, Phoenix, Arizona

Valen Oil Firm To Drill 3 West Wells In Arizona

Plans for drilling three deep test wells to determine oil and gas content of Arizona's suspected petroleum-producing structures were announced today.

The wells, which will be drilled during 1956, are located in the western part of the state, near the California border. The wells will be drilled by the Valen Oil & Minerals Corp., a subsidiary of the Valen Corp., which is a subsidiary of the Valen Corp., which is a subsidiary of the Valen Corp.

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Valen Oil & Minerals Corp. is exploring for uranium, oil and gas, and is also interested in the mining of other minerals.

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Valen Oil Co.

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Geologist for the firm is Cloyd W. Swann, graduate of Utah State, who conducted the surveys which led to the Valen company.

Swann has been in the petroleum business for more than 20 years. He served as chief geologist for Shively Oil Co., an American Oil Co. franchisee, in geological work in Arizona.

His wife, is vice president of Mining Co., a subsidiary of the company.

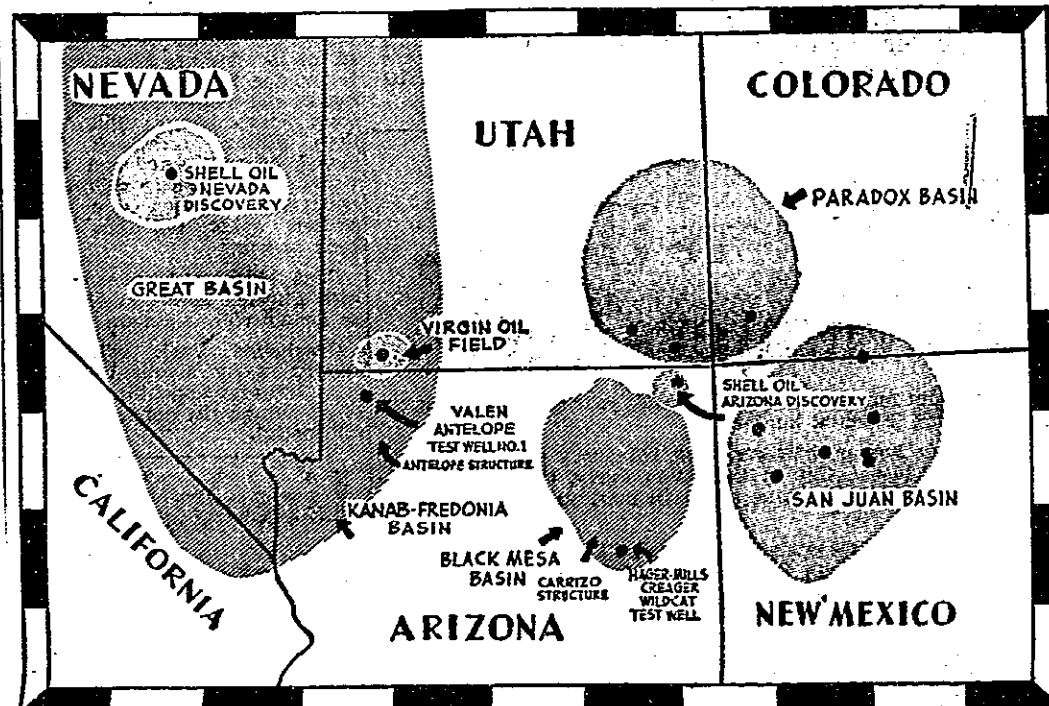
The company is located at 1000 North Central Ave., Suite 1000, Phoenix, Arizona. The company is owned by Eugene Tompkins, who is also president of the company.

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Drill Site Cloyd Swapp, chief geologist, Valen Oil & Gas, stands at edge of new wildcat drill site which will give that section of Arizona its first test for oil. In left background is cable tool rig in operation. Derrick of water well is at right. Area, about 12 miles southwest of Short Creek, has landing field for small aircraft. Roadway for heavy material and supplies is ungraded.



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Valen Oil plans the test to 5,500 feet—by rotary after initial tests are made in Moenkopi, Kaibab lime, and Coconino sandstone regions.

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Bennett and associates hold approximately 40,000 acres in the Mohave area, which lies in the southeast portion of the Great Basin field, where Shell brought in discovery wells southwest of Ely, Nev.

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PRINCIPAL lease holders on the Carrizo test, which is to go to the Coconino formation about 1,000 feet are John B. Mills, Phoenix hotel man; Dilworth Hager, driller; and George Creager of Salt Lake City.

The test is to be made by cable tools. Hager already has established headquarters in Holbrook.

About 20,000 acres of state, federal, and private lands are held by the trio making the new test.

Serge Besoyan, president of Arizona Gas & Chemical Corp., Van D. Bennett, president of Valen Oil & Gas Co., an associates hold about 40,000 acres of leases in Navajo and Apache Counties in this same area.

GEOLOGIZATION of the region recently was completed by Ralph Arnold of Pasadena, Calif. Arnold is world-famed petroleum engineer and geologist.

It is reported that the Hager-Mills-Creager test is the first of several to be made on the trio's holdings.

Meanwhile, Valen Oil announced that its Mohave County test on the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sect. 28, T-40-N, R-3-W, is drilling below 120 feet, and that 150 feet of 16-inch surface casing would be set some time this week.

THIS TEST, in an area once designated by the federal government as a naval oil reserve, is on the Antelope structure a dozen miles southwest of Short Creek and about 25 miles straight south of the old Virgin Oil field of Utah, which still is producing.

Drilling of the first 1,200 feet is being done by cable tools. This, says Bennett, is to keep from binding the tight formations, which could result from rotary operations.

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Oil Test Drilling Exploration Opens On Former Reserve

By GIG KNEELAND

Test drilling for oil and gas on the Antelope Springs structure of northwestern Arizona is under way.

The exploration, by Valen Oil & Gas Co., is the first to be made in an area that once was held by the federal government as an naval oil reserve.

ANNOUNCEMENT of the test was made by Van D. Bennett, president of Valen Oil which has a substantial interest in 190,000 acres of leases in northern Mohave County.



Bennett, which has been producing oil since 1905. During World War I the Utah shallow wells produced sufficient oil to

State and federal permits for the operation were issued last week.

The test is on the SE 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of Sec. 28, T-4N, R-8-W, and is approximately 25 miles due south of Virgin Oil Field in Utah.

support two refineries, one of which still is in operation.

The initial test well, designated as Antelope No. 1, is on federal land and is to be drilled to a depth of 5,500 feet or to the Devonian formation, whichever is encountered first.

Bennett said Valen Oil had spent three years and \$200,000 on geological and leasing work in the Mohave County area.

THE OPERATION is in an area where non-bearing strata has eroded away, a condition which Bennett explained as bringing the known oil-bearing structures closer to the surface.

He named six potential oil-and-gas bearing strata expected to be encountered during the drilling.

These, and the depth of each, are: Moenkopi, 800 feet; Kaibab lime, 1,000 feet; Coconino sandstone, 1,200 feet; Pennsylvania, 2,300 feet; Mississippian lime, 3,600 feet; and Devonian, 5,500 feet.

All of these formations, Bennett said, are known to produce oil and gas in commercial quantities in various other of the nation's oil basins.

"This wildcat," Bennett said, "is in an area embracing some 8,000 square miles of, as yet, untested potential oil and gas land.

"If it is successful," he declared, "it will result in one of the greatest oil booms in the Rocky Mountain region since the discovery of the Williston Basin field in eastern Montana and North and South Dakota."

SHELL OIL'S Arizona discovery well in the Black Mesa region of northeastern Arizona is around 200 miles east of the Valen Oil test.

Shell's Nevada discovery is about the same distance northwest of the Valen test.

Shell's Arizona well is a gasser rated at 2 1/2 million cubic feet of production daily. Other wells are scheduled for drilling in that area.

Bennett said a small landing field has been built, and a road completed to the Antelope No. 1 drill site.

The well already has been spudded in, and was at a depth of 62 feet yesterday.

The initial phase of the test is being done by cable tools for 1,200 feet, in order, says Bennett, "to carefully test the upper potential oil-producing formations." These, he explained, are generally regarded as having subnormal pressures and therefore might not prove productive if drilled with rotary tools.

"At approximately 1,200 feet," he said, "after testing the Moenkopi and Kaibab formations, casing will be set and cemented and a heavy rotary rig will be moved in to carry the well to its final depth."

December 9, 1954

Mr. Van D. Bennett, President
Valen Oil & Gas Co.
214 Heard Building
Phoenix, Arizona

Dear Mr. Bennett:

Your letter of December 3, 1954 and surety bond in the amount of \$2500.00 covering the drilling of the Valen Oil & Gas Co. well in Mohave County have been received in this office.

Thank you very much for your kind remarks. We are always very pleased and grateful to receive such a complimentary letter.

If we can be of service to you at any time, please let us know.

Sincerely,

Roger Ernst
State Land Commissioner

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DEVELOPMENT

TELEPHONE
ALPINE 2-7115

VALEN OIL & GAS CO.
214 HEARD BUILDING
PHOENIX, ARIZONA

VAN D. BENNETT
PRESIDENT
CLOYD W. SWAPP
GEOLOGIST
HELEN BENNETT
SEC.-TREAS.

December 3, 1954

Mr. Roger Ernst
Arizona State Land Commissioner
Capitol Annex Building
Phoenix, Arizona

Dear Mr. Earnst:

Attached is Surety Bond in the amount of \$2,500 covering our drilling well in Mohave County, Arizona.

I want you to know that I appreciate very much your expeditious manner in handling this matter and the assistance which you gave me in order to help me meet a drilling deadline in this connection.

It was a pleasure to meet you and we will keep you currently advised on this drilling operation in Mohave County, both through official notices required and unofficially if anything of importance develops.

Thanking you again for your courtesy in this matter,
I remain

Yours very truly,

VALEN OIL & GAS CO.

Van D. Bennett
Van D. Bennett - President

VDB:hb

enc.



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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY
P. O. Box 965
Farmington, New Mexico

IN REPLY REFER TO:

December 1, 1954

Van D. Bennett d/b/a Valen Oil & Gas Co
214 Mayer-Heard Bldg.
Phoenix, Arizona

Re: Phoenix 083822-A

Gentlemen:

Receipt is acknowledged of your "Notice of Intention to Drill" dated November 23, 1954 covering your well No. 1 Antelope in SW¹ sec. 28, T. 40 N., R. 8 W., G&SR33M, Mohave County, Arizona, Antelope pool.

Your proposed work is hereby approved subject to compliance with the provisions of the "Oil and Gas Operating Regulations" revised May 25, 1942, a copy of which will be sent to you on request, and subject to the following conditions:

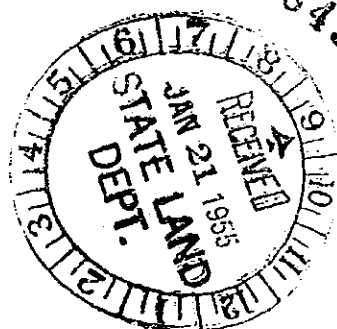
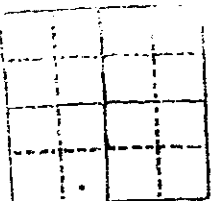
1. Drilling operations so authorized are subject to the attached sheet for general conditions of approval.
2. Furnish copies of all logs.

Very truly yours,

P. T. McGrath
P. T. McGrath
District Engineer

PTMcGrath:ac

Arizona 0+6 ✓



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EXECUTING BOND FOR VAN D BENNETT FEDERAL OIL AND GAS
LEASE THROUGH NATIONAL SURETY CORP. FORWARDING DOCUMENTS
SHORTLY=

JAMES H RUSSELL AGENCY JAMES H RUSSELL=

1934 DEC 1 PM 12 11

1954 DEC 1 PM 12 47

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STATE LAND DEPARTMENT 590 Ck 271 25.00

PHOENIX, ARIZONA

STATEMENT

You are hereby advised that RENTAL will be due and payable at this office on your Lease as shown by this statement. IF SAID RENTAL IS NOT RECEIVED ON OR BEFORE THE DUE DATE, PENALTY AND INTEREST WILL BE ADDED.

VALEN OIL X GAS COMPANY
BOX 54
FREDONIA ARIZONA

LEASE NO. 6
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DATE 12 06 54
DATE RENT DUE

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SHEET 1 OF 1 SHEETS

DESCRIPTION	SEC.	TWP.	RANGE	G. C.	RATE	ACREAGE	AMOUNT
CENTER OF SESW DRILLING PERMIT FEE	28	40 N	8 W			40.00	25.00
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TOTAL DUE							25.00

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